

Field Meeting on 19th June 2022 to Somersham Local Nature Reserve

On an overcast but dry afternoon eleven members met at the Somersham Local Nature Reserve and were taken round by Adam Everest

The Reserve is a recent creation as the result of the Cambridge to March railway line being closed in 1964 and consists of 12 hectares including a lake excavated in about 1848 when the line was built. The reserve consists of the lake, some woodland, grassland in the form of a large field being turned into a wildflower meadow. The disused railway line has been designated a County Wildlife Site. The site is owned by Cambridgeshire County Council and Somersham Parish Council and is managed by volunteers. There is also a Pocket Park, at present privately owned beyond the site which is a wetland.



Peter Lake and Gordon Wyatt (Chairman)



Various members

The lake which is also used for fishing has some rafts on it which are used by breeding Common Terns. A good number of butterflies were seen including Small Skipper and Small Heath. Adam was very knowledgeable about the Reserve and the afternoon was greatly enjoyed



Common Tern feeding young

Photos Sue Limentani